

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division**

**In re:**

**EPIC SMOKEHOUSE LLC,**

**Debtor.**

**Case No. 25-10855-KHK**

**Chapter 11 – Subchapter V**

**FIRST AND FINAL APPLICATION OF SUBCHAPTER V TRUSTEE FOR  
COMPENSATION IN A CASE UNDER SUBCHAPTER V OF CHAPTER 11**

Lawrence A. Katz (the “Applicant”), hereby requests entry of an order approving final compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred as the Subchapter V Trustee in the above-captioned case under Subchapter V of Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”). By this Application, Applicant requests that the Court approve on a final basis as an administrative expense claim fees of \$10,972.50<sup>1</sup> and expenses of \$34.80. Applicant submits this application pursuant to § 330 and § 503 of the Bankruptcy Code and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2016, and states as follows:

1. Epic Smokehouse LLC (the “Debtor”) filed its chapter 11 petition on April 28, 2025.
2. The Applicant was appointed by the U.S. Trustee to serve as the Subchapter V Trustee for the Debtor on April 29, 2025 [Dkt No. 8].

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<sup>1</sup> This amount includes a discretionary reduction of \$798.00, representing 50% of the travel time on June 17, 2025 and September 15, 2025.

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*Subchapter V Trustee*

3. The time period covered by Applicant's first and final application (the "Application") is April 29, 2025 through September 20, 2025.

4. The fees requested in this Application: \$11,972.50<sup>2</sup>

5. The total hours covered by this Application: 17.70 hours

6. The total expenses requested in this Application: \$34.80

7. The total fees and expenses requested: \$11,007.30

8. A copy of Applicant's billing statements are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. Brief description of services: Applicant has served as Subchapter V Trustee and, in that capacity, has participated in all aspects of the case and all hearings and other proceedings for the benefit of the Debtor and other parties in interest, including the following:

- a. Attending all hearings and status conferences;
- b. Reviewing all financial information, motions, and Plan documents; and
- c. Performing of all statutory duties specified in sections 1183(b)(1), (2), and (3) of the Bankruptcy Code.

In addition, Applicant has also communicated on a regular basis with the Office of the U.S. Trustee and parties in interest regarding the status of the case and various issues that have arisen in the course of these proceedings.

10. A complete description of the services provided by Applicant during the time period covered by this Application and the time devoted to such services is contained in Exhibit A to this Application.

11. Applicant hereby affirms to the Court that the fees and expenses requested by this Application are (i) for actual, reasonable, and necessary services rendered by the Applicant, (ii)

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<sup>2</sup> See footnote 1 for explanation of discretionary reductions taken.

based upon customary fees charged and generally approved by this Court for services of this nature provided by comparably skilled professionals, and (iii) in compliance with Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court.

12. Applicant submits that this Application satisfies the lodestar formula and factors set forth in § 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and in *Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc.*, 488 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974). The fees sought in this case represent reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered as Subchapter V Trustee for services provided during the application period, taking into account the time and labor expended, the novelty and difficulty of the questions raised, the skill required to perform properly the services rendered, the Applicant's opportunity costs in pursuing the matter, the customary fee for like work, the Applicant's expectations at the outset of the matter, the time limitations imposed by the circumstances, the amount in controversy and the results obtained, the experience, reputation and ability of the Applicant, the desirability or undesirability of the case within the legal community in which the case arose, the nature and length of the professional relationship between the Applicant and other parties in the case, and fee awards in similar cases.

13. No agreement or understanding exists between the Applicant and any other person for the division or sharing of the compensation or expenses that are the subject of this Application.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant prays that the Court enter an Order approving on a final basis the compensation and reimbursement of expenses sought in the Application, and authorizing the Debtor to pay the approved compensation and expenses to the Applicant.

Dated: September 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lawrence A. Katz

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 24, 2025, a true and correct copy of the First and Final Application of Subchapter V Trustee For Compensation in a Case Under Subchapter V of Chapter 11 was served on all parties receiving CM/ECF notices in this case, as follows:

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and by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on each of the parties listed in the attached Mailing List.

/s/ Lawrence A. Katz

Lawrence A. Katz (Bar No. 47664)

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# EXHIBIT A





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Invoice Num.: 4934849  
**Client Number:** **046569**  
Invoice Date: September 23, 2025  
Matter Number: 046569.00041

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Client: Lawrence A Katz, Subchapter V  
Matter: Epic Smokehouse

*For professional services rendered through September 20, 2025*

Currency: USD

Fees	11,770.50
Costs	34.80

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<b>Total Due This Invoice</b>	<b>\$11,805.30</b>
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**Time Detail**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04/29/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Correspondence with M. Freeman regarding appointment as trustee; prepare Verified Statement; review initial pleadings.	0.40	665.00	266.00
04/29/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Correspondence with B. Adhikari regarding scheduling of IDI and § 341 meeting; follow-up correspondence regarding same.	0.20	665.00	133.00
04/29/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Research regarding debtor's business.	0.20	665.00	133.00
04/30/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Corresponded with B. Adhikari regarding rescheduling of § 341 meeting; review follow-up correspondence regarding same.	0.20	665.00	133.00
05/06/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review Order of Designation; review docket and latest pleadings.	0.30	665.00	199.50
05/07/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Corresponded with D. Press regarding debriefing call.	0.10	665.00	66.50
05/09/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Telephone call with D. Press regarding anticipated Plan provisions .	0.30	665.00	199.50
05/12/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review motion to extend deadline for filing schedules and SOFA.	0.10	665.00	66.50
05/13/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed correspondence regarding IDI materials outstanding.	0.10	665.00	66.50
05/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Corresponded with D. Press regarding documents requested by UST for IDI; prepare for same.	0.40	665.00	266.00
05/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review correspondence and documents from D. Press regarding IDI..	0.40	665.00	266.00
05/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Attended IDI.	1.60	665.00	1,064.00
05/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Research of debtor information for IDI preparation; follow-up correspondence with D. Press regarding documents for IDI.	0.30	665.00	199.50

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05/16/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review correspondence from B. Adhikari regarding additional documents to be produced by Debtor following IDI.	0.20	665.00	133.00
05/23/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Begin review of schedules and SOFA.	0.40	665.00	266.00
05/28/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed latest MOR filed by Debtor.	0.20	665.00	133.00
05/29/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Prepared for § 341 meeting.	0.30	665.00	199.50
05/29/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Attended § 341 meeting.	0.30	665.00	199.50
05/29/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed docket entry regarding continuance of § 341 meeting; reviewed additional financial documents from Debtor for same.	0.50	665.00	332.50
06/02/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed motion to extend time to file schedules and SOFA.	0.10	665.00	66.50
06/03/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review edlatest proofs of claim and motion to extend time to file schedules and SOFA.	0.30	665.00	199.50
06/04/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed latest proofs of claim.	0.20	665.00	133.00
06/05/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Prepared for continued § 341 meeting; review Debtor's financial documents for same.	0.40	665.00	266.00
06/05/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Attended § 341 meeting; follow-up telephone call with J. Frankel regarding same.	0.60	665.00	399.00
06/10/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed Debtor's Status Conference Report; reviewed materials for upcoming status conference.	0.30	665.00	199.50
06/13/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed Scheduling Order for upcoming status conference; reviewed Debtor's § 1188(c) report.	0.20	665.00	133.00
06/16/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Corresponded with D. Press regarding Rule 1188(c) report; prepared for initial status conference.	0.20	665.00	133.00
06/17/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Travel to/from status conference.	1.20	665.00	798.00
06/17/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Conferenced with D. Press regarding preparation for status conference.	0.10	665.00	66.50

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06/17/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Attended status conference.	1.50	665.00	997.50
06/20/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed latest MOR.	0.10	665.00	66.50
07/08/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Reviewed latest docket entries.	0.10	665.00	66.50
07/24/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Telephone call with J. Frankel regarding Debtor's failure to maintain DIP account and file authorization forms.	0.10	665.00	66.50
07/28/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Begin review of Plan.	0.30	665.00	199.50
07/29/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review latest docket entries and cancellation of show cause hearing; begin review of Plan.	0.30	665.00	199.50
07/30/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Finish review of Plan; correspondence to D. Press regarding same and regarding rescheduling of confirmation hearing.	0.40	665.00	266.00
07/30/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review latest docket entries regarding confirmation hearing.	0.10	665.00	66.50
07/31/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Correspondence with D. Press regarding rescheduling of confirmation hearing; review correspondence with Court regarding same.	0.20	665.00	133.00
08/04/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review correspondence with D. Press and Court regarding rescheduling of confirmation hearing; work on draft Consent Order for same.	0.30	665.00	199.50
08/05/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Correspondence with D. Press regarding consent order continuing confirmation hearing.	0.20	665.00	133.00
08/05/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review latest docket entries regarding confirmation hearing.	0.10	665.00	66.50
08/06/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Correspondence with D. Press and J. Frankel regarding order continuing confirmation hearing.	0.10	665.00	66.50
08/26/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review motion to assume lease.	0.20	665.00	133.00
08/28/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review latest MOR.	0.10	665.00	66.50
09/01/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review revised motion to assume lease.	0.10	665.00	66.50
09/09/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review docket entry regarding continuance of confirmation hearing.	0.10	665.00	66.50

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09/12/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review Summary of Ballots for Plan.	0.10	665.00	66.50
09/12/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review correspondence from J. Frankel and D. Press regarding status of confirmation hearing; correspondence to D. Press and J. Frankel regarding same.	0.20	665.00	133.00
09/14/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review Tally of Ballots and Plan; review August 2025 MOR; prepare for confirmation hearing.	0.40	665.00	266.00
09/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Travel to/from Bankruptcy Court for confirmation hearing.	1.20	665.00	798.00
09/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Attend confirmation hearing; conference with J. Frankel regarding same.	0.90	665.00	598.50
09/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review draft confirmation order; review correspondence from J. Frankel regarding same; correspondence to D. Press regarding same.	0.20	665.00	133.00
09/15/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review latest MORs.	0.20	665.00	133.00
09/20/2025	Lawrence A. Katz	Review notice of plan confirmation.	0.10	665.00	66.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>17.70</b>		<b>\$11,770.50</b>

**Timekeeper Summary**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lawrence A. Katz	Partner	17.70	11,770.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>17.70</b>	<b>\$11,770.50</b>

**Cost Summary**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Computerized Legal Research	11.70
Travel Expenses	23.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34.80</b>